

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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| In re Application of:             | ) |                           |
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| Gaetano LO PRESTI et al.          | ) | Group Art Unit: 1745      |
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| Application No.: 10/577,303       | ) | Examiner: William P. BELL |
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| Filed: March 1, 2007              | ) | Confirmation No.: 5406    |
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| For: EXPANDABLE BLADDER FOR TYRE- | ) | Mail Stop AF              |
| CURING APPARATUSES, A             | ) |                           |
| MANUFACTURING METHOD              | ) |                           |
| THEREOF, AND A PROCESS FOR        | ) |                           |
| MANUFACTURING TYRES FOR           | ) |                           |
| VEHICLE WHEELS                    | ) |                           |

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Sir:

**REPLY TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

In reply to the final Office Action mailed May 19, 2011, the period for response to which having been extended to November 21, 2011 (November 19, 2011 being a Saturday) by a request for extension of three months and fee payment filed concurrently herewith, and in conjunction with a concurrently-filed Request for Continued Examination ("RCE") and associated fees pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, please amend this application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.

**Remarks** follow the amendment section of this paper.